

## CLAIMS

I claim:

- 1        1. A light stand, comprising:  
2        a telescoping vertical support post having top and bottom  
3 ends;  
4        a plurality of collapsible legs disposed near the bottom  
5 end of said telescoping vertical support post, the legs being  
6 extendable below the bottom end of said telescoping vertical  
7 support post;  
8        an accessory mounting fixture disposed on the top end of  
9 said telescoping vertical support post; and  
10       a battery mounting fixture disposed on the bottom end of  
11 said telescoping vertical support post.

- 1       2. The light stand according to claim 1, further  
2 comprising a wiring harness disposed on said telescoping  
3 vertical support post, the wiring harness comprising at least  
4 one length of wire for electrically connecting a battery mounted  
5 on said battery mounting fixture to an electrical accessory  
6 mounted on said accessory mounting fixture.

1        3. The light stand according to claim 2, wherein said  
2 wiring harness is coiled around said telescoping vertical  
3 support post.

1        4. The light stand according to claim 2, wherein said  
2 wiring harness further comprises:

3            a voltmeter;

4            a first length of wire having a first end connected to said  
5 voltmeter and a second end adapted for connection to a battery  
6 mounted on said battery mounting fixture; and

7            a second length of wire having a first end connected to  
8 said voltmeter and a second end adapted for connection to an  
9 electrical accessory mounted on said accessory mounting fixture.

1        5. The light stand according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 battery mounting fixture comprises:

3            a bracket assembly disposed on said bottom end of said  
4 telescoping vertical support post; and

5            a battery adapter disposed on the bottom of said  
6 bracket assembly.

1        6. The light stand according to claim 5, wherein said  
2 bracket assembly comprises:  
3        an upper bracket member disposed on said bottom end of said  
4 telescoping vertical support post; and  
5        a lower bracket member hingeably and removably disposed on  
6 said upper bracket member;  
7 wherein said battery adapter is disposed on said lower bracket  
8 member.

1        7. The light stand according to claim 6, further comprising  
2 a collapsible accessory mounting fixture disposed on said lower  
3 bracket member.